

HAIFA BLANKETED BY PALL OF SMOKE

Heavy Losses In Burning Of Shell Oil Tanks

Fire Expected To Last For Days

London, Mar. 31. The Stern Gang sabotaged the Shell Oil pipelines at Haifa with three explosions before dawn today, touching off the biggest fire the area has ever known. The fire brigade, assisted by police and military, worked to bring the blaze under control. At 11 a.m., twelve oil storage tanks were burning and a number of buildings on the Shell depot damaged. Damage caused was estimated at £4,000,000. It was believed that a number of casualties occurred but early reports gave no details. The Stern Gang distributed pamphlets in Haifa claiming full responsibility for the sabotage.

At dawn, a huge pall of black smoke still blanketed the area as weary firemen fought to control the blaze.

The first group of refugees from the "Moledeh" arrived at Haifa before dawn aboard a Royal Navy destroyer almost simultaneously with the pipeline explosions. Another destroyer with 600 immigrants was en route.

Fight With Troops

British troops used tear gas to quell resistance from the 900 immigrants, who refused to be transhipped from the "Moledeh" when it docked.

The "Moledeh" was towed in by a British mine-sweeper. The immigrants fought off all attempts by the troops to board the ship from the dockside but when tear gas and smoke bombs burst amid the crammed decks of this 70-year-old hulk, the immigrants gave up the fight.

The ferry ships "Empire Rival" and "Ocean Vigor," carrying between them 1,600 illegal immigrants from the "Moledeh" left later for Cyprus.

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MADAGASCAR ATTACK

Paris, Mar. 31. The French military camp at Moramanga, 30 miles east of Antananarivo, capital of Madagascar, was attacked last night by a band of several hundred men, armed with heavy jungle knives and spears, the French news agency reported from Madagascar today.

The dispatch said that about 20 people were killed of whom eight were Europeans. Military reinforcements are being sent to the scene.—Reuter...

Brum Mayor On Goodwill Jaunt

Birmingham, Mar. 31. The Mayor of Birmingham, Alderman A.F. Bradner, spent Sunday in a German prisoner of war camp at New Birmingham in preparation for his forthcoming goodwill visit to Cologne.

He met 16 prisoners whose homes are in Cologne and received a scroll of greeting made by the men in the camp, which said, "May this visit be a hopeful sign of understanding and peace among the people and the beginning of a new era." It will be handed to the Burgomaster of Cologne, Bradner said.

He told the Germans that the people of Birmingham were hoping to link the townspople there with their opposite numbers in Cologne and added, "In years to come I hope that many British people will establish personal friendships with Germans and remove forever the fear of war"—Associated Press.

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Germans Partly To Blame For Crisis

Dusseldorf, Mar. 30. Prominent British and German spokesmen said tonight that the Germans themselves were partly to blame for the food crisis from which the Ruhr industrial belt has not yet emerged. Dr. Kurt Schumacher, leader of the German Social Democratic Party, told an Oberhausen election audience: "The British are not alone to blame—the Germans must accept some responsibility."

Mr. William Asbury, Regional Commissioner for North Rhine-Westphalia told Reuter that the worst effects could have been minimised if the Germans had applied "a little more intelligence" in the allocation of coal supplies.

The Ruhr was quiet today and "favourable progress" was officially reported in the current programme to move 6,000 tons of grain a day from Hamburg to the Ruhr.

Senior British officials said there had been no general breakdown but a temporary local failure of distribution.

Hooligans

There has been no rioting during the week's demonstrations in which more than 250,000 Germans have taken part and the only disorderly incidents are attributed by the British and German sources to hooligans of a type who attach themselves to any crowd.

The Left Wing parties did not inspire the demonstrations but exercised a wise moderating influence while the trade unions provided "the safety valve," according to Dr. Rudolf Amelunck, Minister Resident in North-Rhine-Westphalia. It is expected, however, that there will be a big demonstration in Cologne, the great Rhineland city that suffered some of the Royal Air Force's heaviest wartime bombing.

Details of the demonstration were not known last night nor was it known if it was to be accompanied by strikes as in the other British zone cities. The husband had asked for a divorce on the ground of desertion.

At the conclusion of Lady Robinson's evidence in chief on Friday, in which she denied the charge, Collin Duncan, Sir Arnold's counsel, was allowed to postpone his cross-examination of her as he wished to consult the husband.

Today, Mr. Duncan said that Sir Arnold's instructions to him were that he was not to challenge in any way the evidence his wife had given.

"In those circumstances," said counsel, "I ask you to dismiss the petition."

Justice Hodson dismissed the petition with costs, adding that he thought the husband had been well advised to take the course he had.

The marriage took place at Kuala Lumpur, Federated Malay States, in 1910.—Reuter.

MURDER IN A STORM

Milan, Mar. 31. Count Giovanni Pollicino Malfatti was found shot to death in his villa here today. The police believed the murder occurred during a violent storm last night when the sound of the shots was drowned out by the wind. They said no captive has been discovered and no robbery occurred.—United Press.

Gambling On H.K.-Bound Ship

Aboard as General Gordon, Mar. 31.

Reports published in the United States that this is the world's largest gambling ship drew a denial from Captain Henry Nelson, but he added he is cracking down on gambling aboard.

"I believe a clique of gamblers are aboard and I am putting my foot down on them," he said.

Crew members found gambling will be punished and money confiscated."

The captain's edict has been repeatedly broadcast over the ship's address system as the ship steams toward the Orient.

(Reports reaching the United States said some 900 Chinese were aboard the Gordon and gambling was rife, with an estimated US\$1,800,000 in cash available for games. Chinese gamblers from Vancouver and British Columbia were said to be in charge of the games.)

Copenhagen, Mar. 30. The Faroe Parliament, which adjourned today after a four-month session, has nominated a commission, including seven members of the three Faroese parties, for negotiation with the Danish Government on the future of the Faroes. The commission, headed by the party leaders, A. Samuelsen, P.M. Dam and Thidstein, was to be appointed by the Danish Government.

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Murder Case At Sessions

Hearing of the case in which Cheuk Chau, Cheung Kee Cheong, Lau Mun, Li Yau, Mak Kau alias Mak-Kum Shing and Chan Yiu Shu alias Ho Lau Chiu, who are charged with the murder of Hui Chi and Hui Hung and with the attempted murder of Chan Tak Hing in Deep Bay on Oct. 12, last, started before His Lordship Mr. Justice Williams (Pulane Judge) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Mr. A. J. Clifford appeared for the Crown. The first accused was represented by Mr. Y. H. Pun, instructed by Mr. A. S. C. Comber of Messrs. Hastings & Company. The other five accused were represented by Mr. Hui Shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

The case for the Crown is that between 8 and 9 p.m. on Oct. 12, at Lai-fau-kwan Village on the British shore of Deep Bay, Hui Chi, Hui Hung and Chan Tak Hing were seized and bound by a gang of seven or eight men. They were put in a rowing boat and taken to a part of Deep Bay roughly between the British and Chinese shores.

The anchor was dropped, the three victims shot and their bodies thrown overboard. Of the three victims, two died and the third succeeding in reaching land after an amazing feat of endurance — he swam in the water for almost four hours, although his hands were tied behind his back and he was badly wounded.

After receiving assistance from villagers, he reported to the Pingshan Police Station, as a result of which the accused were subsequently arrested.

After testimony by Crown witnesses, hearing was adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

NABCATCHER IN NEW GUISE

The Admiralty have given directions that the Naval Air Section at Kai Tak, hitherto known as H.M.S. "Nabcatcher," is to be renamed H.M.S. "Flycatcher." The change will take place today.

H.M.S. "Nabcatcher" was originally part of the wartime Mobile Naval Air Base organisation, the units of which bore names having the initial letters NAB. As this organisation has now been disbanded, the name is no longer applicable.

"Flycatcher" has been selected as the new name in view of the fact that the first type of naval aircraft ever to land at Kai Tak was a Fairey "Flycatcher."

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KNIGHT STREET CASE Cross-Examination Of Plaintiff

"Ten thousand dollars is not very much to me," said Mrs. Kathleen Wong Choy in reply to a question put to her by Sir Henry Blackall, C. J. in the course of her cross-examination yesterday, when hearing was resumed of the case in which the ownership of 4 Knight Street is being contested.

Mrs. Kathleen Wong Choy, plaintiff, is represented by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida e Castro instructed by Mr. W. C. Deacons.

Mr. C. E. Lobeby, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, is appearing for Mrs. Bertha Kurtz Pears, the defendant.

Answering further questions under cross-examination, Mrs. Wong said that apart from the document of Jan. 20, 1942, which she gave to Dr. Ho authorising him to look after her property, she signed no other document of authorization to anybody else.

Mrs. Wong said that she had a current account with the National City Bank of New York, but at the time she left Hong Kong, the Japanese authorities did not permit any withdrawal.

Mrs. Wong denied that she came back to Hong Kong from Macao in February or March to attend to some pressing business.

She had jewellery and title deeds in two safe deposit boxes at the Bank of East Asia. This jewellery was in addition to that which she wore.

Mrs. Wong said that she always had ready cash at home, sometimes as much as \$10,000. When it was pointed out to Mrs. Wong by Sir Henry that \$10,000 was a large amount to keep at home, Mrs. Wong replied that \$10,000 was not very much to her. The money was kept in a steel safe.

She knew that the Japanese called in all U.S. Currency and that it was dangerous to use this money.

Mrs. Wong agreed that at the time cash was more important than property. She knew that when she reached Kwongchowwan or "Free China" she would receive funds.

Not True. It would not be true to say that she needed cash to get away from Hong Kong as quickly as possible. She never thought of buying one or two of her houses, nor did she offer to sell two houses for \$80,000.

Mrs. Wong denied that Mrs. Peirs helped her out of a great difficulty. Mrs. Wong also denied having obtained \$20,000 from Mrs. Peirs or that she had decided to support Dr. Ho in a story which was false.

When Dr. Ho visited her in Macao, he also brought cash in Hong Kong Currency, including drafts in U.S. Currency. Mrs. Wong said that she kept money at home and in her

Yue Wing Kam, Manager of the Mutual Trust Co., said that the Wong family were very well off. They owned property in Kowloon and Canton. Yue said he left Hong Kong for Macao with Mrs. Wong and her family on Jan. 24, 1942.

Smuggled Out

At Macao, they stayed in the house of Mrs. Au Fong Po.

Yue said that in early May, he and Mrs. Au left Macao for Kwongchowwan together with Mrs. Wong and family.

While in Macao, he saw Mrs. Wong every day. He had been asked by General Wong to take care of Mrs. Wong and family and would not have allowed her to come back to Hong Kong if she wished to do so. It would have been too risky for her to come back. Mrs. Wong never suggested to him that she wished to come back to Hong Kong.

Yue said he received a loan of \$4,000 from Mrs. Wong, which had since been repaid.

Under cross-examination, Yue said that prior to leaving Hong Kong, Mrs. Wong handed him \$3,000 U.S. Currency. He smuggled this out of the Colony by concealing the money in different coats.

Mrs. Au Fong Po, otherwise known as Lau Su Wu, said that she had known Mrs. Wong for over ten years.

Mrs. Au said that she left Hong Kong for Macao on Dec. 4, 1942, where she remained until some time in May/June 1943. Mrs. Wong arrived in Macao during January 1943 and later they went to Kwongchowwan together.

Mrs. Au said that she had a house in Macao and that she allowed Mrs. Wong and her family to use the ground floor on their arrival. Mrs. Au said that she saw Mrs. Wong every day. Mrs. Wong never left Macao prior to going to Kwongchowwan. Mrs. Au said that she never heard Mrs. Wong while in Macao, although the two wished to return to Hong Kong.

A Letter

During her stay in Macao, Mrs. Wong never asked for any money, nor gave the impression that she needed money.

Mrs. Au said that before the 1941-42 winter, Mrs. Wong

Coming Events

April 1—Rotary Club luncheon; Speaker: Compton MacKenzie; April 5—K.C.C. Dance; April 5 and 7—Easter Race Meeting; April 11—Watsonian Club dinner (tentative date); April 11 and 12—K.C.C. Play: "A Worm's Eye View"; April 12—China Light & Power Co. Ltd., annual meeting, noon; April 21—H.K. Land Investment & Agency Ltd., shareholders' meeting, noon.

She had a conversation with Mrs. Wong, in the course of which the latter said that she would not be able to leave for Macao when the following Monday, as she was visiting at a Y.W.C.A. charity bazaar.

Mrs. Au said she left Hong Kong because she believed war to be imminent.

Replied by Mr. Lobeby, Mrs.

Au said that she believed war to be imminent by reason of the fact that on Tuesday the doors of the Police Stations were half closed.

She therefore decided to leave Hong Kong.

Lim Tjihon Kwok, retired sugar merchant, said that he had been living at 244 Prince Edward Road since the beginning of 1942. He knew Mrs. Wong as a neighbour, but never spoke to her. He only knew Dr. Ho Che Wing after the latter had moved in to 244 Prince Edward Road. The latter introduced himself.

Lim said that in January 1942, he went to Waterloo Road, where he saw Mrs. Wong. She said that she wanted to go to Macao and wished to give a letter of authorization to Dr. Ho to manage her house and to register them. Lim heard that he signed this letter of authorization as witness.

Council Objects

At this point, Mr. Leo d'Almeida raised strong objection to the manner in which Mr. Silva was instructing Mr. Lobeby, whereupon Mr. Silva left the Court for a short while, returning again after an absence of some 15 minutes.

Resuming his testimony, Father Orlando said that he continued visiting Mrs. Wong until Jan. 22, 1942. On Jan. 20, 1942, he officiated at a wedding between a cousin of Mrs. Wong and a gentleman named Wong.

On objection being raised by Mr. Lobeby to a question being put to Father Orlando, Mr. Silva was instructed by Mr. Lobeby, whereupon Mr. Silva left the Court for a short while, returning again after an absence of some 15 minutes.

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Father Orlando said that a large number of people left Hong Kong on Jan. 22, 1942. Many of them were his parishioners and they came to see him and to say good-bye. He remembered the date because it was the date of his mother's death.

Dr. Ho said that he had never seen Mrs. Wong in Hong Kong after Jan. 22, 1942. He saw her next after the liberation.

Dr. Ho said that after Mrs. Wong went to Macao, he saw her there in the beginning of May 1942.

Prior to her departure for Macao, Mrs. Wong executed a letter of authority in his favour to manage her houses and to attend to the registration thereof. Dr. Ho said that the letter of authority did not empower him to sell or mortgage any of the houses.

Dr. Ho said that it was mentioned in the Chinese press that all properties had to be registered in order to secure their release from Army control. Dr. Ho said that the letter of authority authorized him to collect rent.

Dr. Ho denied that he called on Mrs. Peirs in February 1942 and introduced himself as Mr. Wong. He first made Mrs. Peirs acquaintance in October 1942, when he called at 4 Knight Street, for the first time, to collect rent.

Dr. Ho said that on Aug. 31, 1942, he made nine separate applications to the Japanese for registration of Mrs. Wong's house.

Dr. Ho denied having offered 2 and 4 Knight Street to Mrs. Peirs in February 1942. Dr. Ho said that Mrs. Peirs' evidence that he had later called on her with a receipt for \$20,000 was not true. Mrs. Wong was willing to sell at that price.

Dr. Ho said that he first learnt about Mrs. Peirs' claim to the house when he visited her in October 1942 and asked for the rent.

On that occasion she said that she had bought the house from Mr. Wong for 20,000 yen. Dr. Ho said he was not surprised when Mrs. Peirs made this claim. He asked her to produce evidence to support her claim, but she said she lost her receipt.

Hearing was then adjourned till 10 a.m. today.

DEBATE AT TOC H

At the meeting of Toc H this evening there will be a debate and the motion is "That this House should eliminate the class." The speakers for and against the motion respectively will be the Rev. J. Davies and Mr. Spencer Duthieley.

One of the aims of Toc H as set out in its Royal Charter is to mitigate by mind, word and deed the evils of class-consciousness, and to endeavour to create a body of public opinion free of all social antagonisms.

The Toc H meeting is held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Methodist Hall, 10, Maudehill Road, Hong Kong, and commences at 8 p.m. The discussion is intended to all men interested.

A Friendly Game?

Wong Luk, 44, and twenty-six other Chinese were having a nice "friendly game" of *mai-kan* in the rear room of the ground floor at 6 Lai Chi Kok Road on Sunday when they were disturbed by Sub-Insp. Blackburn, and bundled off to the Mong Kok Police Station.

Charged before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with keeping a common gaming house, Wong denied the charge and said they were just having a friendly game. Inspector J. Oram, convinced His Worship that which the owners were patients.

The charge alleges that in violation of the laws and usages of war he was concerned in the ill-treatment of the prisoners by failing to provide them with adequate medical attention, including medicine, drugs and suitable diet, thereby contributing to the deaths of many of them and causing physical suffering to others.

The President of the Court will be Lt. Colonel N. C. Wait.

Stanley Jap. Medico On Trial

At No. 7 War Crimes Court this morning the War Crimes Trial of Lieutenant Sato Choichi will open.

He is accused of committing a war crime in Hong Kong between October 1942 and August, 16th 1945 when he was Medical Officer in charge of Stanley Hospital and, as such, was responsible for the well-being of British and Chinese prisoners who were patients.

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Commander Ryder Leaving To-Day

Comdr. A. S. D. Ryder, Hong Kong's popular Deputy Harbour Master and Marine Magistrate, took his last case in the Marine Court yesterday when he administered a caution to two enterprising junkmen who brought a cargo of livestock from Kwongchowwan to the Colony to operate the junk. Today, HMS "Opossum" will be taking the Commander and Mrs. Ryder to the Island of Formosa, where he will take up his new post as Vice-Consul.

Comdr. Ryder is no stranger to Hong Kong or the Far East for he was here for 2½ years when H.M.S. "Medway," the submarine depot ship to which he was attached, was based here.

After he was transferred to Shanghai to act as naval staff officer, attached to H.M.S. Consulate General, where his duties consisted of intelligence work. He had been in the northern port for three years when the European War broke out and he was transferred Home for duty.

During the war Comdr. Ryder's work with the Navy was principally connected with sea defence. He was first at Dover and from there he was transferred to Alexandria, and then to Turkey where he organised the defences of several Turkish ports and acted as Naval adviser to the Turkish Government, attached to the British Embassy at Ankara.

Upon the formation of SEAC under Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Comdr. Ryder was appointed to his staff as representative of Naval Intelligence, and placed in charge of the operational intelligence section.

This post he held until the Japanese surrendered in August 1945, when he retired from the Royal Navy and joined the Colonial Office for duty in civil affairs with the Military Administration in Hong Kong.

High Ability

He was flown out to Hong Kong, arriving on Sept. 23, 1946. He took up the post of Harbour Master in a jumble, but under his able administration and guidance order was soon restored out of chaos, and when Mr. Jolly, the former Harbour Master, returned to the Colony, he took over a Harbour Department functioning with more than pre-war efficiency.

Though he has always been a Navy man, Comdr. Ryder is finding a career in the Colonial Service very congenial, and his promotion to highest post testifies to the recognition of his high administrative ability.

Comdr. Ryder went to sea when still a boy. At fifteen he was a midshipman in HMS "Centurion" and saw action at the Battle of Jutland in the First World War. When war ended he spent a considerable period as a submarine officer, specialising in anti-submarine and electrical duties.

Mrs. Ryder was in London throughout the blitz and led quite an exciting life, for no less than two of the houses she was in were bombed and demolished when she was out. Sleeping in tube stations and floors of hotels was no unusual experience. Later she managed to put up with the wife of a naval officer in a safer area in South Wales.

Comdr. and Mrs. Ryder are leaving behind them host of friends in the Colony who wish them the best of luck and success in the new sphere of their activity and usefulness.

FOOD FIGURES

The average of the Food and Fuel figures for the four weeks ending 20.3.47 is \$4,820. The Rehabilitation Allowance for the month of April will therefore be the same as for the month of March namely:

Daily-paid Workers
Artisans \$3.20 per day
Coolies \$2.60 "

Females
Monthly-paid Workers
Males \$90.00 per month
Females \$40.50 "

Food and Fuel Costs for the week ending 23.3.47:
Rice & Flour 7.2 cents \$0.600
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CHINA ENTERTAINMENT ANNUAL MEETING

A net profit of \$393,948.76 for the year ending Dec. 31, 1946, was announced at the 13th annual meeting of China Entertainment & Land Investment Co. Ltd. (owners of King's Theatre and King's Theatre Building), held at the office of the Company yesterday.

The Chairman of Directors, Sir Shouson Chow, who presided, informed shareholders that yesterday happened to be also the 16th anniversary of King's Theatre, and to celebrate the occasion the Board recommended a bonus to shareholders, directors and the staff. This motion was heartily approved by the meeting.

Sir Shouson Chow said in part:

"I am very pleased to report that the net profit for the year, after providing for depreciation and including the balance of \$16,108.67 brought forward from last year, amounts to \$393,948.76 which I think represents a fairly successful year."

"During the Japanese occupation it was not possible to keep up our periodical overhauls and maintenance of the theatre and equipments. After the liberation materials were scarce and cost of labour high, and it was therefore necessary recently that we were unable to put this necessary work in hand. The theatre is now maintained and decorated with newer and more equipment installed and old equipments replaced, and I think I can say that King's Theatre today offers to its patrons seating, comfort, sound and protection which can be very favourably compared with cinemas in other large cities."

"During the past year the management has been careful in the selection of films which were chosen specially to suit the tastes of our patrons, both Chinese and foreign. Among our outstanding pictures of the year may be mentioned "Henry V", "Caesar & Cleopatra" and "Battling Beau". The last named, a spectacular drama, made an all-time record in Hong Kong in length of run in any theatre."

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12.45 p.m.—"Daily Programme" (Summary).

12.45 p.m.—"The Melody Lingers On".

12.45 p.m.—"Honey Goodman" and His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestra Interlude.

1.15 p.m.—D'Erler's "The Hundred Kloss". London Philharmonic Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—"From the Shows"—Light Opera.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.30 p.m.—Tunes of Not-So-Long-Ago.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: Home News from Britain.

7.15 p.m.—"Blush" Shore and The Ink Spot.

7.30 p.m.—Studio: George Lobb at the Piano.

7.45 p.m.—Magyar Irene and His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.

8.00 p.m.—Yvonne Brothers (Soprano) and George Thill (Tenor). In a Light French Programme.

8.30 p.m.—"The Musical Form—No. 2" Concerto: A Talk by Father T. F. Ryan, S.J.

8.45 p.m.—London Relay: News.

8.45 p.m.—Light Variety.

8.45 p.m.—Studio: "At Your Own Risk". A Programme for "April Fool" Day. Devised and Produced by Donald Ridd and Desmond Scott.

10.15 p.m.—"Play of the Dance Orchestra from the Ambassador Ballroom.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

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Profit and Loss Account	704,518	6	4
	£118,174,870	6	0

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J. D. THOMSON Secretary, Hong Kong, 29th March, 1947.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

PROPOSED ISSUE OF NEW SHARES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT it is the present intention of the Board of Directors of the above Company to hold a Meeting of Shareholders on the 21st April, 1947, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and appointment of Auditors.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT it is the present intention of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the period 1st September 1945 to 31st December 1946 and for the election of Directors and appointment of Auditors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT it is the present intention of the Board of Directors of the above Company in accordance with the Special Resolution passed on the 25th day of May, 1923, to offer as soon as possible after the 21st day of April, 1947, 100,000 new shares of the nominal value of \$25.00 each bearing the present unused capital of the Company (in the proportion of one new share for every complete number of three shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on the 21st day of April, 1947, are registered in the Company's share register as the holders of the 300,000 issued shares in the capital of the Company at a premium of \$25.00 per share and so that on the acceptance of the offer the nominal amount due in respect of each such new share plus the said premium of \$25.00 per share (making \$50.00 per share) shall be payable in full.

The offer will be made by Notice sent by post to each shareholder specifying the number of shares to which the shareholder is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted either on behalf of such shareholder or his nominees will be deemed to be declined.

The offer of new shares to shareholders whose registered address is in the Far East must be accepted on or before the 30th day of June, 1947, and the offer to shareholders registered as resident elsewhere must be accepted on or before the 30th day of September, 1947, and such new shares when allotted will rank for dividend as on and from the 1st day of July, 1947, and the 1st day of October, 1947, respectively.

Any of the shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's shareholders in manner aforesaid shall be disposed of in such manner and at such time or times and upon such terms as the Company's Directors shall in their absolute discretion see fit.

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

J. D. THOMSON Secretary, Hong Kong, 31st March, 1947.

A. E. B. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer, Hong Kong, 29th March, 1947.

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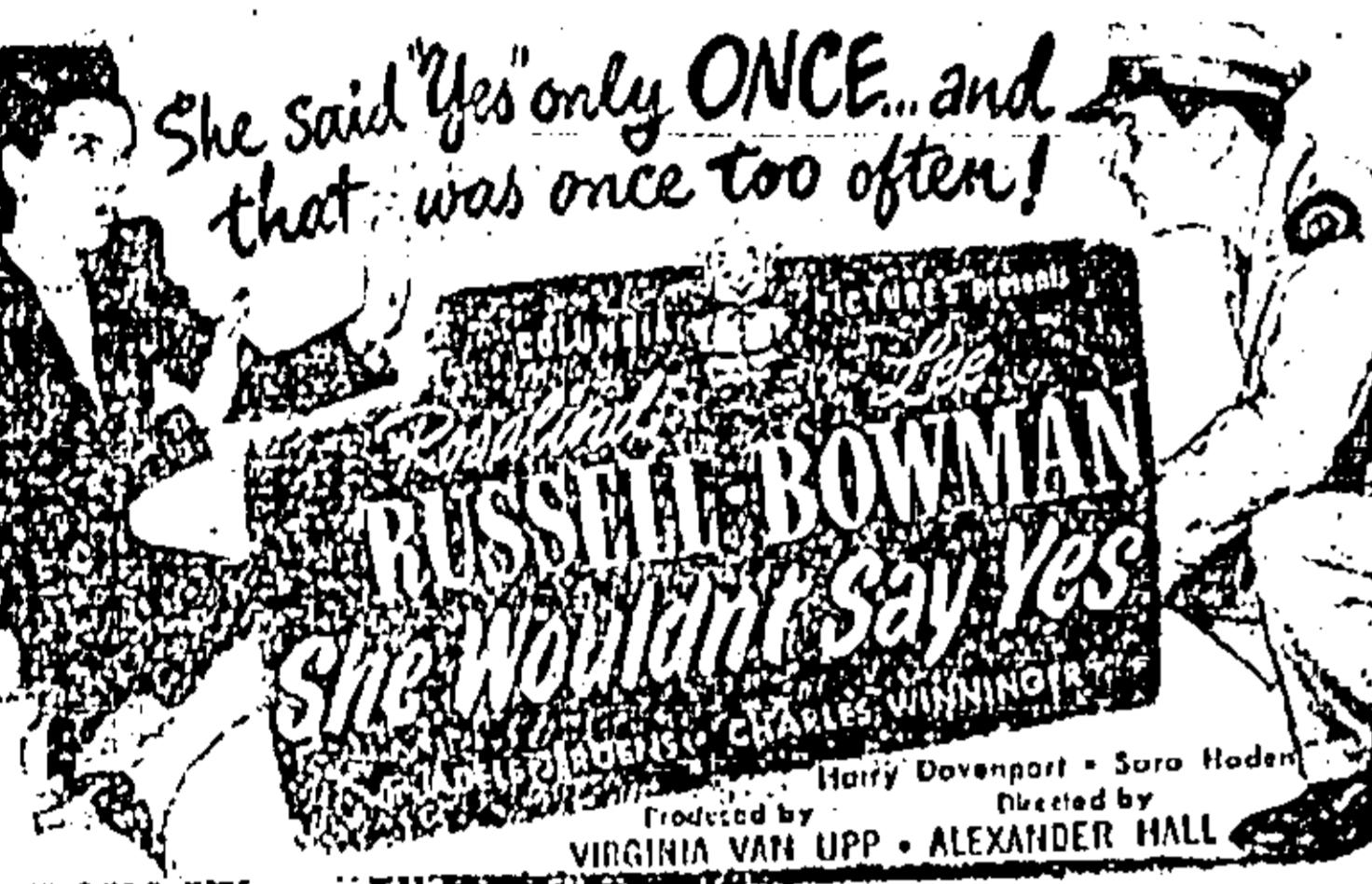
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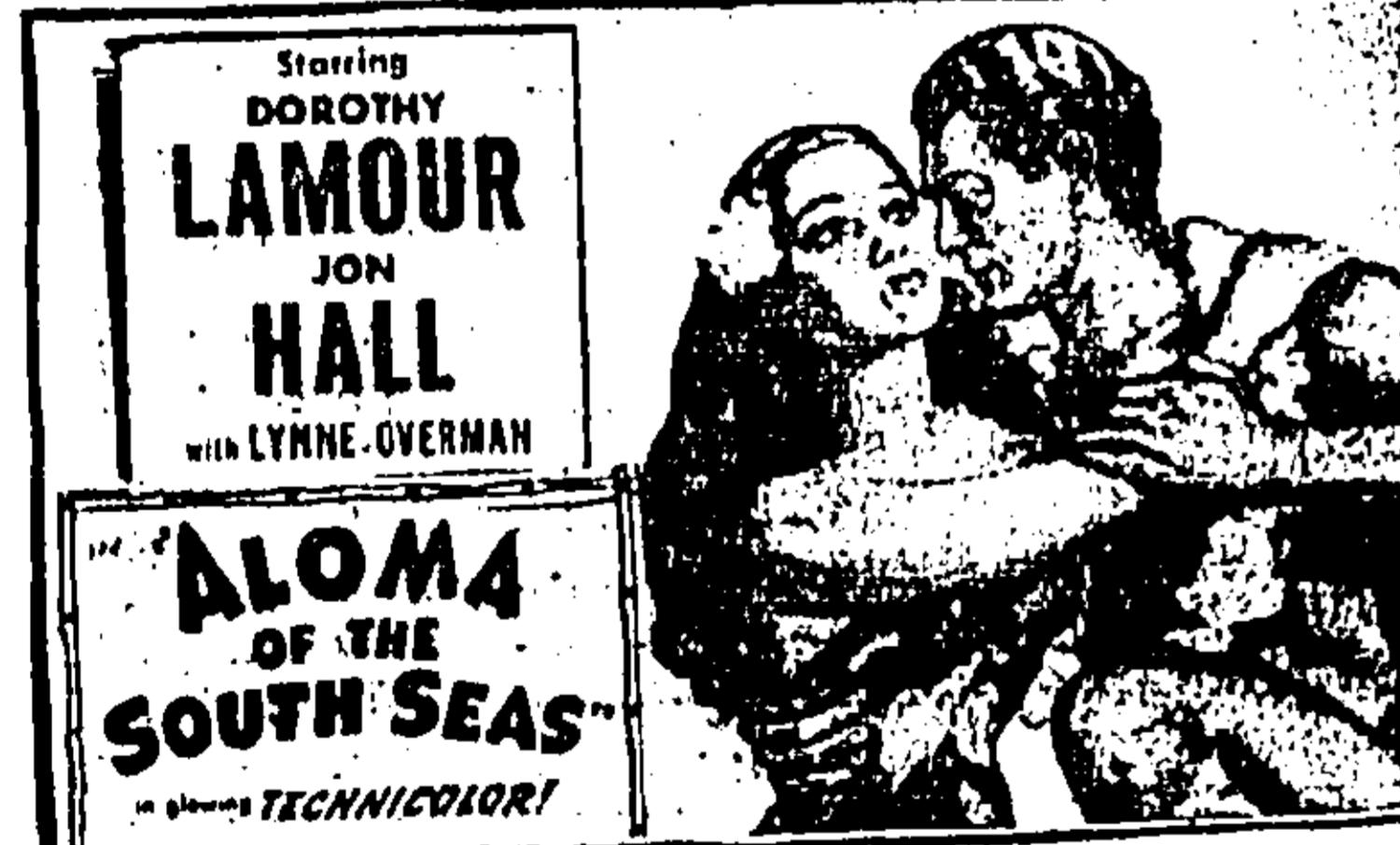
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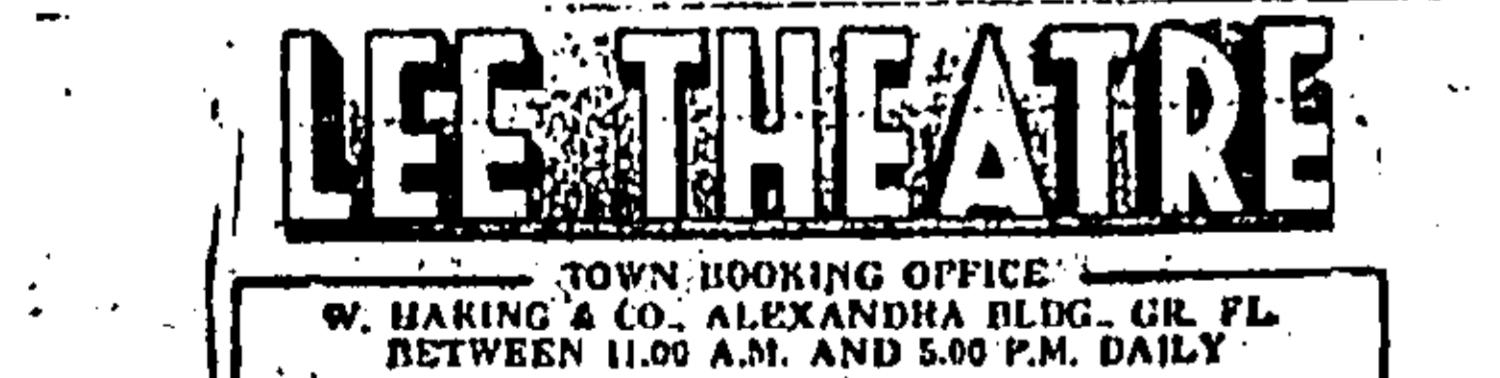
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Top-ranking Government officials, business leaders and economists joined in a stern warning that prices were too high and that further increases would endanger the United States economy.

President Harry Truman's appeal to business to lower prices and Secretary Snyder's warning to labour not to make "over-demands" brought mingled reactions.

Almost before the President and Mr. Snyder stopped speaking a new increase was posted for some corn products and newspaper, and the government itself concluded an agreement with Ballyhannan producers for nine cent per pound boost in tin.

An oil company executive simultaneously predicted another rise in petroleum products.

Meanwhile, industrial production hummed on all fronts and businessmen began to wonder how long the grueling price could last.

Steel mills turned out the largest tonnage in peace-time history. Automobile production was slightly under the previous week due to material shortage, but remained above the 100,000 mark for the sixth straight week.

Freight carloadings were higher and crude oil output was the best since last August. Soft coal and electric power fell off slightly.

One worry spot was retail rates as Easter comes closer with few signs visible of any great rush to buy traditional necessities.

Unit Sales

While the dollar volume was ahead of the previous week, and last year, unit sales were below the usual pre-Easter level.

Consumer resistance to high prices and less money to throw around were given as reasons for the drop in unit sales.

Stock Market

The stock market added better than US\$600,000,000 to quoted values in the first two days after a member firm took a position on the bullish side with advice to customers to buy but later tripped on profit-taking.

Sales totalled 4,447,690 shares compared to the previous week's 3,738,860 and previous year's 8,804,250.

The bond market kept in the background with its principal interest centered in new financing, especially the US\$200,000,000 in American Telephone 2% which drew over-subscription when offered at 100.75.—Associated Press.

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Post Office 10 a.m.

Swatow 10 a.m.

Tainan 10 a.m.

Takao 10 a.m.

Hongkong (Kwongchowwan) 2 p.m.

Kongkong 4 p.m.

Tainan, Takshan and Shekki 4 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4 p.m.

Airmail for Shanghai and Peiping 4 p.m.

Arrival 3 p.m. (Ord.) 8.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

Shanghai 8.30 p.m.

Swatow 10 a.m.

Amoy, Swatow and Salson 1 p.m.

Banks 10 a.m.

Airmail for Salson, Singapore, Colombo, Sydney, Auckland and London, Kowloon C.P.O. (Regd) 2.30 p.m.; (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Arrival for Foochow and Shanghai 3 p.m. (Ord.) 4 p.m.

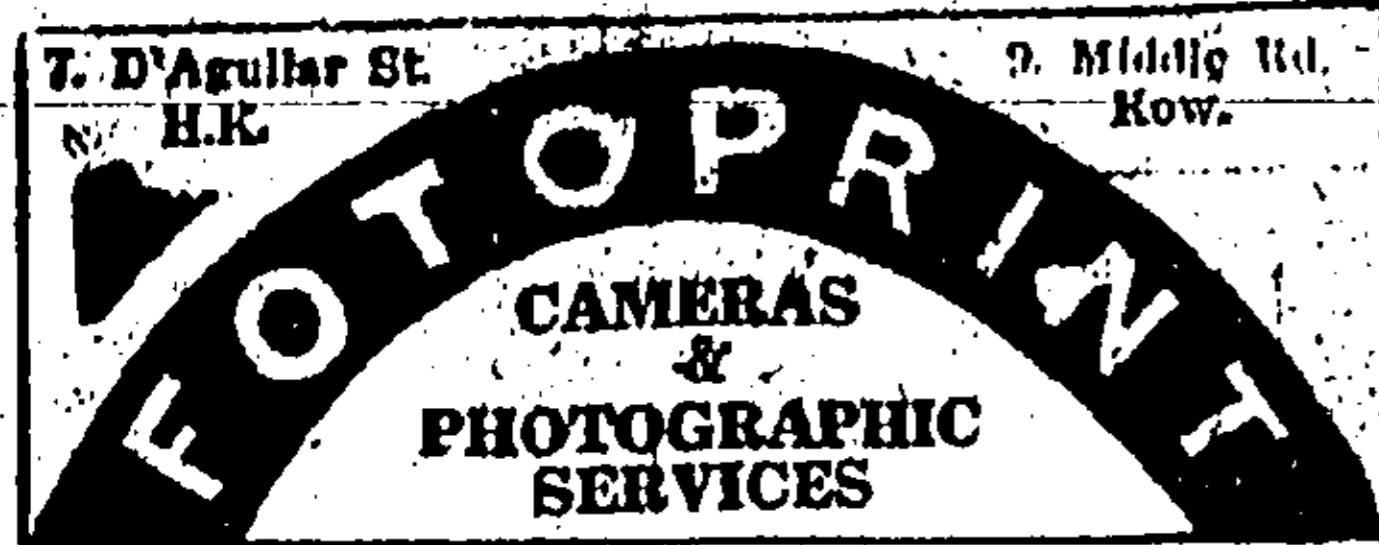
Kongkong 4 p.m.

Tainan, Takshan and Shekki 4 p.m.

Canton (By Train) 4 p.m.

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HONG KONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1947

HONG KONG's TRADE PROSPECTS Chairman Of Chartered Bank On Future

Moratorium Must Be Lifted

Until trade in all the major countries in the Far East again reaches pre-war dimensions, it is too much to expect that last year's Hong Kong trade figures can be maintained, said Mr. V. A. Grantham, chairman, at the annual meeting of shareholders of The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, held in London yesterday.

In the course of his statement, Mr. Grantham revealed an increase in current and other accounts during the year in excess of £22,840,000.

Profit for the year amounted to £378,032, but had accrued been made up as in the past, this profit figure would have been shown as £425,382, or an increase on last year of £99,618.

In his review of conditions in the countries in which the Bank's interests lie, the Chairman said:

India has enjoyed yet another year of almost unprecedented prosperity and economic progress. There has been great activity in the Share Markets and scarcely a week has passed without a number of new Companies being floated. Indian Banking and Insurance interests, alive to the need for keeping pace with the new industries everywhere springing up and the extension of old industries, are participating to the full in the new business offering, as the figures in their recent Balance Sheets and Reports show. A continuation of this phase of prosperity could set the country well upon the road to that industrialisation which has been so frequently discussed and upon which the hopes of the various communities for an improvement in the general standards of living are based.

Facing Recession

But a number of factors appear to indicate that India now faces a recession from the high levels of prosperity touched during 1946, and time alone will prove the soundness of all the new ventures. It is to be hoped that in this intense programme of industrialisation, the overwhelming need for improvement in methods of agriculture, which is, after all, the life-blood of the country, will not be overlooked. Production in practically all industries, as a result mostly of recent political disorders, has fallen from wartime peaks, and in some cases is below even pre-war levels, while supplies in many cases have been insufficient to meet continued inordinate demand. India's food position also continues to give cause for uneasiness, for the rice crops of Madras, Bombay and the Central Provinces, are all reported to have suffered through excessive rainfall. Only in Bengal is the rice crop considered satisfactory. Wheat crops too, are likely to be less than normal, on account of restricted sowings due to absence of timely rains. Large imports of both rice and wheat will be required, and although it is hoped that these will be forthcoming, reduced rations everywhere may prove to be inevitable during the next few months.

Ceylon

Of course, current events must be considered in the light of the Prime Minister's recent statement of policy. Certainly, the Indian side of our business is based on a continuation of the goodwill of our customers; and, however much the Prime Minister's statement may be open to criticism, it should surely act at rest any lingering doubts and suspicions concerning Britain's good faith in the matter of the transfer of power into responsible Indian hands.

In Ceylon, the year was a momentous one in the Island's history, for in May last the country was granted a new Constitution and reached the threshold of Dominion Status. Last year, drew attention to the large increase of Rs. 118 million in the Note Circulation, which latter place during the period of the war, in the hands of the British Government, had consistently risen to the amount of Rs. 1,000 million. The Central Bank of India, Australia and China, had a large share in this increase, and the Colony's note circulation had increased from Rs. 100 million to Rs. 1,000 million. The Central Bank of India, Australia and China, had a large share in this increase, and the Colony's note circulation had increased from Rs. 100 million to Rs. 1,000 million.

BURIED FOR 24 HOURS

Bombay, Mar. 30.—The conclusion of a Yogi demonstration was watched by 50,000 people today when a Yogi from the Himalayas was released from an airtight concrete pit in which he had been "buried" for 24 hours.

As the pit was uncovered,

the Yogi awoke from a trance

and opened his eyes. A few minutes after being lifted out he smiled faintly and then broke his fast.—Reuters.

circulation was no more than Rs. 22.6 millions higher. During the year under review, the Note Circulation and the "active" circulation fell by Rs. 63.6 millions and Rs. 44.8 millions respectively, whereas Bank deposits shewed little final change at the end of year. In this fashion, stability was maintained, but as the cost of living index rose slightly during the year, it is reasonable to draw the conclusion that Ceylon suffered from scarcity of most of the items included in the index figure.

Rubber Market

While, therefore, stability was maintained, a recession from the prosperous position enjoyed during the war period seems inevitable, and the doubts, to which I gave expression last year, regarding the ability of Ceylon to compete in the Rubber, Tea and Copra markets of the world when these products were again subject to competition and supplies became augmented from areas which had been under Japanese occupation, appear to find confirmation, at least in so far as Rubber is concerned, in the action of the Ceylon Government, which, after the British Government censured buying at its 1 per lb. in October last, has supported the local market on a basis above the world price. As Ceylon, now that Malaya is again producing large quantities of rubber, is far from being the dominant factor among the world's rubber producers, which she was during the War, this policy, while doubtless supportable as long as the demands for Ceylon's other products, such as tea, remain insistent, must carry its own consequences if and when these products again become subject to normal competition.

Hong Kong

Recovery in Hong Kong has been rapid, although, as in many other centres in the Far East, long-term rehabilitation and reconstruction has performed to be relegated to the background in the greater urgency of current needs. The trade figures for 1946, with imports of \$95,716,721 (Rs. 56,607,295) and exports of \$82,750,350 (\$51,421,897), against \$59,523,140 (\$37,470,197) and \$60,878,829 (\$38,049,302) respectively for 1939, show remarkable expansion, but the quaking deterioration in China's financial and industrial position resulting in a drastic curtailment of her foreign trade, much of which normally passes through Hong Kong, cannot but adversely affect the future trade of the Colony. On the other hand, trade is increasing between adjacent countries, including Malaya, Siam, Indo-China and the Philippines, and for much of such trade Hong Kong is natural entrepot; but until trade in all the major countries in the Far East again reaches pre-war dimensions, it is too much to expect that last year's Hong Kong trade figures can be maintained, and no doubt the Authorities will be directing their attention to increasing the scope and extent of local industries as a means of offsetting the expected recession in trade.

Malaya

In describing the position in Malaya last year, I find that my estimate that recovery in the production of rubber to pre-war levels would take at least two years, was over-optimistic, for already in December last production had all but reached pre-war proportions.

On the other hand, production of tin in Malaya has fallen short of even the lowest estimates there current. Actual production for 1946 is placed at 8,482 tons, and no great improvement in production is regarded as possible in the near future.

The position in Siam leaves a good deal to be desired. During the period when the country was under Japanese influence the currency became subject to considerable inflation, and the recently into world markets, the parity of the local (or Baht) was reduced from the pre-war level of 1s. 10d. to 6d. Even so, difficulties experienced in enforcing adequate measures which had been devised to control imports and exports militated against the re-establishment of confidence in the currency and the confidence of the public in the economy.

Hong Kong, however, faces other and equally difficult and urgent problems. Lacking adequate sources of revenue, and facing heavy expenditure both on account of reconstruction and for social services, education and public health on behalf of a vastly increased population, it faces problems of which the Government and the military authorities are no better equipped to combat than the various countries within the Colony's jurisdiction. The situation is further complicated by the fact that the Colony's budget is heavily dependent upon the

Hawker Arrested In V.A.D. Quarters

"This time I won't be so lenient with you. You will go to prison for nine months' hard labour," remarked Mr. Sheldon, K.C., at Central, yesterday when sentencing Chan So, 25, hawker, for being found at "Alberose" Pokfulam Road, on March 26 for an unlawful purpose.

Chan had a previous conviction for a similar offence for which he was bound over. Chan was discharged on a charge of receiving stolen property—some naval clothing belonging to Petty Officer Russell W. Baxter, of the Naval Staff Quarters, Queen Mary Hospital.

According to DSI Moore, Nurse Kathleen J. S. Kegan, of V.A.D., who was on the first floor of the quarters at "Alberose" at 1.30 p.m. on

immigrants, whose movements have always been and remain uncontrolled.

Philippines

Conditions in the Philippines, where our three branches at Manila, Cebu and Illoilo are now working normally, have been dominated by the necessity for imports on a large scale, not only for reconstruction and rehabilitation, but to fill the void following the period of Japanese occupation. Exact statistics are not yet available, but imports for 1946, are estimated to have totalled upwards of some Rs. 800 millions, against a pre-war figure of about Rs. 250 millions, and, as rehabilitation on any widespread scale has as yet made little headway, it is to be expected that imports must continue at a high level for some time to come. Exports for 1946 are placed no higher than about Rs. 140 millions, and consisted almost entirely of Copra and Abaca (Manila hemp), the export of Copra, due to the high prices ruling, having reached a record figure for the second half of the year. No export of Sugar, in pre-war days the most important of Philippine products, can be expected for a few years, possibly not until 1950, and the Gold Mining industry has yet to commence operations.

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Exhibition Tennis

An interesting series of exhibition tennis matches among leading tennis players of the Colony has been arranged by the tennis committee of the Hong Kong Cricket Club for the latter part of April and the whole of May.

Two games will be played every Monday and Thursday in the exhibition, which will consist of Mixed Doubles, Men's Doubles and Singles matches.

In order to ensure two games on each date arranged, a reserve match has also been arranged. The following is the programme:

April 14: — Miss Zinovlev & Pay v. Mrs. Laderriere & Pagh.

Tau Brothers v. Yip Koon Hoong & Paul Kong.

Reserves: — Segalen Brothers v. Kotewall & George Chon.

April 17: — Mrs. Andrews & Y. P. Tsui v. Mrs. Young & Kenneth Lo.

Jones & Zimmerman v. Lee Wai Tong & Szeto.

Reserves: — M. W. Lo & Ho Ka Lau v. Eric Lee & Masan Ma.

April 21: — Miss Zinovlev & Paul Kong v. Mrs. Litton & Yip Koon Hoong.

Tsui Yun Pui & Lee Wai Tong v. M. Pagh & B. C. Fay.

Reserves: — R. Liang & George Lin v. G. Chon & Lau King.

April 24: — Mrs. Andrews & R. Liang v. Mrs. Thomson & Tsui Wai Pui.

Eric Lee v. George Lin.

Reserves: — Zimmerman v. Szeto.

April 28: — Miss Zinovlev & Jones v. Mrs. Yeung & Yip Koon Hoong.

Ak Kam Moon v. F. H. Kwok.

Reserves: — Eric Lee v. T. F. Choy.

May 1: — L. C. Kotewall & G. Chon v. Ak Kam Moon & Wong Sui Ki.

Mrs. Zinovlev & Mrs. Andrews v. Mrs. Litton & Mrs. Thomson.

Reserves: — T. P. Fan v. R. Segalen.

May 5: — Mrs. Laderriere & Pagh v. Mrs. Young & Tsui Wai Pui.

H. D. Rumjahn & Jones v. R. & Y. Segalen.

Reserves: — Lau King & Masan Ma.

Ma v. F. H. Kwok & Ho Ka Lau.

May 8: — Eric Lee & T. P. Fan v. Ak Kam Moon & Wong Sui Ki.

Roch Liang v. George Lin.

Reserves: — Lee Wai Tong v. George Chon.

May 12: — Mrs. Chiou & Tsui Wai Pui v. Mrs. Thomson & Tsui Wai Pui.

Lau King v. Masan Ma.

Reserves: — Kenneth Lo v. T. F. Choy.

May 15: — Kotewall & H. D. Rumjahn v. R. & Y. Segalen.

Paul Kong v. T. P. Fan.

Reserves: — Mrs. Laderriere & Zimmerman v. Mrs. Andrews & Jones.

May 19: — Mrs. Litton & Yip Koon Hoong v. Mrs. Thomson & Jones.

Reserves: — Wong Sui Ki v. Lee Wai Tong.

May 22: — Mrs. Laderriere & Pay v. Mrs. Andrews & G. Lin.

Ho Ka Lau v. T. F. Choy.

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All Reserves are asked to be ready to play at 5 p.m. each day and not to leave the Stand Court until Match No. 2 is already under way. All Players are asked to secure Substitutes of strength equal to themselves if unable to play at last moment.

If Exhibition Matches are postponed they will be staged on the first playing day after the postponement—in other words the Exhibitions will only be postponed from day to day.

It is intended to adhere strictly to this Programme and a very fine orgy of good Tennis is in store for all players and lovers of this game.

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Cannes Tennis

Cannes, Mar. 31:

Pauline Betts of Los Angeles advanced to the final round of the "Beaulieu-sur-Mer" Tennis Tournament, with a 6-0, 4-1 victory over Alice Walmsley of Luxembourg.

The American champion opponent in the final round was Miss Gulbrinda of Sweden, who defeated Lida Hurst of Denmark 7-5, 6-3.

Miss Betts Philip Weatherhead of Canada, and

the third round was won by the Englishwoman, Dorothy Johnson, and the fourth round by the Frenchwoman, Jeanne Dufour.

LABOUR REBELS GET A SCOLDING

London, Mar. 30.

Some 75 Labour Members of Parliament will be scolded at a special and strictly private meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party tomorrow morning because they had signed the amendment asking Parliament to reject the bill to impose peacetime conscription. It will be pointed out to them that the international situation generally, Britain's many commitments abroad and the desirability of spreading the burden fairly over all sections of the community make compulsory service for all young men, except miners, the only solution.

Meeting Of British Legion

At a preliminary meeting held in the Volunteers' canteen, Garden Road, yesterday evening a working committee was formed of the Hong Kong & China branch of the British Legion to draw up plans for what is hoped will be the first real meeting since the War, on April 21.

Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell took the chair, and commented on the sparse attendance. This, he said,